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BIG STARS TO LIGHT ACTORS' FUND SHOW

Principals in Leading Attractions Billed for Benefit Matinee Next Friday

The annual Philadelphia benefit for the Actors Fund of America will take place next Friday afternoon at the Forrest Theatre.

So long is the bill of important offerings to be presented by the players who have volunteered their services to aid this organized philanthropy for their fellows in distress that the curtain will be rung up at 11:45 o'clock promptly in order to bring the scheduled program to a successful conclusion before dark.

Principals and features from all the theatres of the city will appear on the impressive bill, and their offerings will be supplemented by the contributions of a number of players from local theatres. The benefit here is given under the auspices of a committee of local theatrical managers, comprising Leonard A. Blumberg, Samuel F. E. Nirdlinger, Walter Leslie, Frank Nirdlinger, Joseph C. Dougherty, W. Dayton Wegert, Alfred Hoegler, George Metzler, M. W. Taylor, Charles O'Halloran, H. A. Smith, A. Sablosky, John McCusick, W. R. Sloan, J. F. Walsh, J. M. Cohen, Ferdinand Block, Samuel Lewis; honorary chairman, J. Fred Zimmerman; chairman, Thomas M. Love. The stage will be under the direction of Harry Jordan and Fred G. Nixon-Nirdlinger.

The Actors' Fund annually dispenses a budget of \$12,000 for the benefit of needy and destitute actors. It conducts the Actors' Home on Long Island and relieves an average of more than 100 cases of distress weekly among stage folk.



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PNEUMONIA KILLS HERO
 Collingswood, N. J., Boy Contracts Disease After Recovery From Wound

Elwood K. Young, twenty years old, a son of William H. Young, 21 West Stiles avenue, Collingswood, N. J., after being badly wounded in France and recovering, contracted pneumonia and died. Details of his death were received by his mother a few days ago from a friend of the boy. Although he had a slight defect which prevented him from enlisting on four trials at the Third Regiment Armory, Camden, his application was accepted on the fifth trial, and he was taken into the old New Jersey National Guards July 25, 1914, and went across June 1, 1915. He was a member of Company B, 111th Machine-Gun Battalion, Fifty-seventh Brigade, Twenty-ninth Division.

CONFISCATED WEAPON ENDANGERS POLICEMEN

Explodes in Station House After Owner Is Held for Investigation

Two policemen narrowly escaped being shot today, following the explosion of a cartridge in the hidden reserve chamber of a special-make automatic revolver.

The weapon had been taken from Walter J. Carpowicz, of Providence, R. I., and was being exhibited at the Belgrade and Clearfield streets police station, where Carpowicz had a hearing. The man was held in \$2000 bail for a further hearing next Monday.

Carpowicz was arrested by Patrolmen Deegan, Kelly and Bedin, after Mrs. Mary Polk, 2522 Cedar street, peeped through a keyhole of his room and saw him cleaning the revolver. Later, at the hearing, while the weapon was being exhibited as evidence, the cartridge in the secret chamber was discharged. The bullet flew across the room and missed Kelly and Deegan by inches.

Carpowicz, who told the police he is a traveling salesman, obtained lodging yesterday at Mrs. Polk's house. She became suspicious of his actions. When she saw him cleaning the automatic revolver, she notified the police. His arrest followed. With the revolver he had fifty extra shells.

The police also found in the man's room, two bank books showing deposits under two different names in Baltimore and Washington of Baltimore and Washington have been notified. They will investigate Carpowicz's record in murders in those cities. The prisoner is at Central Station.

HOME DEFENSE MAY AID POLICE

Business Men to Suggest That Reserves Help to End Robberies

THIEVES STILL ACTIVE

Hold Up Sailor for Thirteenth Time and Burglarize Houses

Use of the Home Defense Reserves to aid the police in checking frequent hold-ups and robberies will be suggested to representatives of eleven business men's organizations at a meeting this afternoon in the office of Edward A. Noppel, president of the United Business Men's Association, 1015 Arch street.

"It seems to me the use of the reserves is the only feasible plan at the present time to help the police in checking the robbery and holdups," Mr. Noppel said.

He added that, while the meeting was not called primarily for the purpose of discussing the matter, he was bringing the matter to the attention of the committee so that the representatives could carry it back to their various organizations.

"It is getting to be a rather risky thing to go home late at night, and the crime is by no means confined to one district or enacted at any set hour," said Mr. Noppel. "It is widespread and seems most prevalent in the more respectable portions of the city. While it does seem rather hard on the volunteer police to call them out to patrol at night, nevertheless I feel confident they will be glad to aid in this situation. The police are doing all in their power, but it is not enough."

Round-up of No Avail

"I awaited with interest the result of their round-up the other evening, but that does not seem to have had much of a deterrent effect. Inasmuch as we have a trained force of men who have not yet been brought into play, I think this will be the next step to be taken in an effort to purge our city of these criminals."

Thieves continue their activities despite the efforts of the police to check them. Several robberies and hold-ups were reported to the police today.

Held up and robbed thirteen times at Delaware avenue and South street, during the last eight months, Timothy Callahan, a sailor on the dredge Trelia, ware, received injuries from the thieves on the last occasion, which may result fatally. Callahan is in the Pennsylvania Hospital with a fractured skull, dislocated shoulder and probable internal injuries.

Streets station that two men, one with a revolver, held him up early yesterday morning while he was returning to the dredge. When he resisted they beat him and secured \$76 from his pocket. Callahan said he has been held up at the same spot on twelve other occasions.

The police failed to make any investigation until twelve hours after thieves ransacked his home and obtained \$250 worth of Liberty Bonds and \$250 worth of jewelry, according to J. M. Zimman, of 232 Chestnut street.

Zimman said that he and his wife returned home from a theatre about 12:15 a. m. on Saturday and discovered the theft. He went to the telephone and attempted to notify the police of the fifty-fifth and Pine streets station.

UNDERSEAS MOTHER SHIP REACHES PORT

Bushnell at League Island After Caring for U. S. Submarines in War

The Bushnell, mother-ship of a submarine flotilla, will reach League Island today about the same time that four destroyers leave the navy yard for Guantanamo, Cuba, to take part in a great naval game.

The mother-ship Bushnell, after a year's service in foreign waters, first went to Newport News, and after "laying to" there for a short time headed for this port. Seven American submarines that had been "mothered" by the Bushnell are already lying in the sheltered basin at League Island.

The four speedy destroyers that will slip away from here today for the Cuban port are the Cummings, the Ammen, the McCall and the Burroughs. The Navy Department has planned a great naval game for the near future. Super-dreadnoughts, cruisers, destroyers and submarines will engage in great "battles" designed to test theories developed in the few real naval engagements of the war.

The four destroyers at the naval games will help to form a cordon about the capital ships and protect the "underwater" fighters that for many months have been grappling with Hun U-boats. They will try and slip past the cordon, and for the benefit of referees, "attack" the capital ships.

When the mother-ship Bushnell reaches here she will undergo repairs, and then act as headquarters ship for submarines.

A recent arrival here is the mine-layer Saranac, which carries 400 officers and men. One-half of the crew tonight will attend the opening performance of "The Look" at the Shubert Theatre, the other half going in a body tomorrow night.

SOLDIERS BOLSHEVISM ENEMY

Chaplain Says They Will Be Bulwark of Nation's Strength

Soldiers returning from France will constitute the real strength of the nation, according to the program of Frederick W. Beckman, of Bethlehem, pastor of the Holy Trinity Church of War, where President and Mrs. Wilson worshiped in France, and director of the American Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in that city and in Tours.

Chaplain Beckman, who twice went up to the Twenty-eighth Troop Division with cigarettes and chocolates during engagements, is here on a three weeks' tour. He speaks in the highest terms of the American soldiers.

"The men who are coming back to us will constitute the real strength of the nation," he said. "They will lead, sanely and wisely, the progress of the future ahead of us. They have had the chance to compare America with other countries, to the latter's disfavor. They have seen alike the horrors and the destructiveness of Bolshevism, and the danger and harm of unpreparedness, and they will have none of them."

"I was received by General Muir, who had a habit of taking a rifle himself and going out to shoot Germans," he said. "He is a fierce fighter, but fighting once done, a kindly and generous man. Once he was holding a conference when a shell struck nearby. Two or three of the officers went into a dugout, but he called them out and the conference went on. It's a wonder he came out alive."

PAIN OF WOUNDS RETURNS

New Jersey Soldier Forced to Go to Hospital Here

Wounds which Private John Dawson, twenty-seven years old, of Ellaneth, N. J., received in the engagements in the Toul sector and at Chateau Thierry caused him such pain while he was visiting this city yesterday that he was forced to go to the Pennsylvania Hospital for treatment.

Private Dawson arrived from overseas several weeks ago, and up until last week has been convalescing in a base hospital in Washington, D. C. The soldier will be returned to the Washington hospital as soon as he regains enough strength to endure the trip.

PEN AND PENCIL CLUB ELECTION

The annual meeting of the Pen and Pencil Club was held this afternoon in the clubhouse. The polls will close at 7 o'clock this evening.

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TO INVESTIGATE Y. W. C. A. IN CHINA

Mrs. William Boyd, of Merion, a member of the East Central field committee of the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association, has been named on a committee to investigate Y. W. C. A. conditions in China. Mrs. Boyd, who will leave late this month, will be accompanied by her daughter, Miss Margaret Boyd, a Wellesley graduate, who has been employed in the School of Social Service, Thirteenth and Pine streets.

15 MONTHS AS WAR NURSE

Miss Hannah Hobart Returns After Hospital Service in France

After fifteen months' service as a Red Cross nurse in a military hospital at the front, Miss Hannah Hobart, daughter of Mrs. Charles Wheeler, Jr., has returned to her home, Camp Run Farm, Villanova. She arrived in New York last week on board the liner Rochambeau.

Miss Hobart, before going to France, took a three months' training course at the Y. W. C. A. in New York as a nurse's aid, in 1917, and spent the following summer as a nurse in the sanitarium of her uncle, Dr. Henry Norris, at Rutherfordton, S. C. She speaks French fluently and therefore was especially useful in handling the cases of wounded French soldiers in the hospital where she was stationed.

Miss Hobart is well known in Philadelphia society, having made her debut in 1914 at a tea given by her step-grandmother, Mrs. Charles Wheeler, at Pembroke. Bryn Mawr. Through her Wheeler connection, Miss Hobart is related to the Elliott, Thayer and Norris families and the family of the Countess Pappenheim, whose engagement to Count Raben of Denmark was recently announced.

ANOTHER UNIT ORDERED HOME

103d Trench Mortar Battery Is Expected Soon

Information has been received here in a letter from a member of the 103d Trench Mortar Battery Captain Ralph Knowles, that the battery had been ordered on January 17 to "clean up" and prepare to go home. The command had been in Belgium, detached from the Twenty-eighth Division, or which it is a part, and had been ordered to report to General Muir.

The 103d Trench Battery contains a number of former members of the First City Troop.

CAMDEN PATROL DRIVER HURT

Man Injured When Vehicle and Trolley Collide

One man was injured and several passengers badly shaken up today in a collision between an eastbound trolley car and a police patrol at Broadway and Chestnut street, Camden.

The man injured was William Bryant, driver of the patrol. He was thrown several feet when the wagon was overturned and received painful injuries. Bryant was taken to the Cooper Hospital. Several windows of the car were broken.

FEBRUARY GRAND JURY SWORN IN

The February Grand Jurors were sworn in today by Court Crier Levi Hart before Judge McCormick, of Elk County, substituting in Quarter Sessions Court No. 1, Stephen Davis, clerk, 1821 South Nineteenth street, was appointed foreman of the body.

CHANCE FOR TIPLER

Government Is Looking for Aid in Division of Reptiles

The fellow who has spent most of his life sampling various grades of liquor now has a chance for a job with Uncle Sam when the country goes dry.

The government wants an aid in the division of reptiles. Therefore the man who is acquainted with the vagaries of midnight, snakes and indigo crocodiles may have an opportunity.

Even the individual who has fought with pink camels and lavender elephants will get a chance, for it is distinctly stated in announcing qualifications, that the applicant should be versed in systematic zoology.

The official reptile aid, at \$1200 a year, will be obliged to classify and determine specimens. The fellow whose experience was gained through internal baths may find this difficult. Very often they have been obliged to face all kinds of animals at once without knowing from whence they came.

Examinations will take place on March 12.

GLOUCESTER MAN GASSED

Clifford R. Emmons Had Narrow Escape From Death in War

Clifford R. Emmons, twenty-five years old, who lived with his parents at 14 North Sussex street, Gloucester, when he enlisted in the Third Regiment, Camden, was gassed and wounded during the last month of the war.

This information was contained in a letter received by his mother, Mrs. William Emmons, in Philadelphia, after recovering. The mother has also learned that on another occasion her son had his gun shot out of his hand, but escaped injury and that on another day, just after several comrades and himself had a shell-hole, a shell landed in the hole and tore his blanket and other articles into shreds.

JUDGE WILLIAM H. RUPPEL

Somerset, Pa., Feb. 3.—Judge William H. Ruppel, of Somerset County, died at his home here Saturday night, after a long illness. His term would have expired in 1923. Judge Ruppel was a Democrat and personally a temperance advocate. On the bench he administered the liquor license law with severe restrictions.

CANT ENFORCE PEACE

Rev. Dr. David M. Steele Calls League of Nations Nonsense

Talk of a league of nations to enforce peace is all sentimental nonsense, according to the Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Thirteenth street below Locust who spoke at the Church and the World" at a special prayer and praise service at his church yesterday.

"It is just as impossible to enforce peace as it is to enforce love," said Dr. Steele. "No league of nations can accomplish such a thing, and it is just sentimental nonsense to talk of it."

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